American Friends of Rabin Medical Center 24th Annual Saving Lives In Israel Gala
November 4, 2024, The Plaza Hotel, NYC



(l to r): Eli Elefant & Honoree Robert Sorin; Honoree Sheri Bronstein & Mitchell Rudin; Admiral Stavridis & Honoree Bruce Mosler

Over 450 leaders of New York's and America's real estate, finance, and technology industries joined together on Monday, November 4, 2024, at The Plaza Hotel in New York City for the **American Friends of Rabin Medical Center** (AFRMC) **23rd Annual Gala** to support saving lives in Israel at **Rabin Medical Center,** the country's premier hospital.

Awards presented: **Yitzhak Rabin Corporate & Civic Responsibility Leadership Award** to **Bank of America** represented by **Sheri Bronstein**; **Yitzhak Rabin Lifetime Real Estate & Legal Leadership Award** to **Robert J. Sorin;** and **Yitzhak Rabin Lifetime Real Estate Leadership Award** to **Bruce E. Mosler.** Honorees were recognized for their "*outstanding leadership in their fields and for being trusted partners, loyal friends, and exemplary philanthropists*."

AFRMC Gala Chairs **Scott Rechler, Shari Redstone, Orly Avidan, Gary Jacob, Mitti Liebersohn, Mitchell Moinian, Wendy Mosler, Mitchell Rudin, John Santora, Stephen Siegel, Harrison Sitomer,** and **Glen Weiss** contributed to the events success in raising critical funds for Israel's Rabin Medical Center's EMERGENCY REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT for wounded Israeli soldiers and civilians. Since October 7, 2023 the hospital has been treating countless casualties – including returned hostages, children and women – and is one of the only hospitals in Israel with a rehabilitation program dedicated specifically for recovering war casualties.

Held on the anniversary of the assassination of the hospital's namesake, Yitzhak Rabin, Honoree **Sheri Bronstein** said, "*The Rabin Medical Center was renamed in 1996 after the tragic assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in November 1995, 29 years ago today. As we mourn this tragedy, we also recognize Prime Minister Rabin's incredible dedication to the vision of peace, justice and the human capacity for change. The Rabin Medical Center is a testament to that dedication. It stands as a beacon of resilience, innovation and hope as it stands at the forefront of medical research and patient care*."

Guest Presenter **Shari Redstone** (Chair, Paramount Global and President & CEO, National Amusements)**,** introduced the **13th Prime Minister of Israel, Naftali Bennett,** who once again joined Gala Master of Ceremonies – her seventh year – **Magalie Laguerre-Wilkinson** (VP News Programming, Nickelodeon News) in a fireside chat as they reflected on the unfolding of events since their last meeting a year ago.

Prime Minister Bennett spoke of his recent visit to Israel's Rabin Medical Center and how he wished that the country would "*respond the way Rabin Medical Center did – with a sense of community and collective purpose to help others*."

AFRMC Board Member Mitchell Rudin (Chairman & CEO, Savills North America) presented the **Yitzhak Rabin Corporate & Civic Responsibility Leadership Award** to **Bank of America** represented by **Sheri Bronstein**; **Eli Elefant** (CEO, PBC Corp) presented the **Yitzhak Rabin Lifetime Real Estate and Legal Leadership Award** to **Robert Sorin** (Partner, Fried Frank); and **Admiral James Stavridis**, presented the **Yitzhak Rabin Lifetime Real Estate Leadership Award** to **Bruce E. Mosler** (Chairman, Global Brokerage, Cushman Wakefield).

In his speech, honoree **Robert J. Sorin** celebrated the work of Rabin medical staff; "*we must stand with the doctors, nurses, health care professionals and care givers of Rabin, and help them play a central role in literally stopping the bleeding, and hopefully, someday soon, returning the state of Israel to its rightful place as a beacon of opportunity, stability, democracy and hope, living in peaceful co-existence with its neighbors."*

Honoree **Bruce E. Mosler** concluded, "*(Rabin Medical Center) is a place of hope in a year lean of hope … a temple sustaining the flame of "l'chaim" for days beyond the days anyone believed that flame could burn. It is a lamp unto our feet … a light unto our path … a miracle of miracles … and particularly in these harrowing times, we are all proud to stand by it*."

At the end of the evening **Scott Rechler** (CEO, RXR) presented a gift of thanks to Prime Minister Bennett, and AFRMC Executive Director **Joshua Plaut** announced three Rabin Medical Exchange Fellowships to be named after the evening's honorees. "*These fellowships serve as bridges to peace as they bring a Rabin doctor from Israel to study under world-renowned doctors in the United States. Thank you, Sheri, Rob & Bruce - your legacy will continue around America and in Israel's Rabin Medical Center*."



Scott Rechler and Prime Minister Naftali Bennett

A short film describing Rabin Medical Center's dedicated Rehabilitation Department for war casualties was followed by a silent appeal which raised much needed funding for war casualties. Indeed, the Saving Lives In Israel Gala was a show of solidarity with Rabin Medical Center, its dedicated medical staff, and with Israel.

*Established in 1995, **American Friends of Rabin Medical Center (AFRMC)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization located in New York City. Through a variety of programs and events across the United States, AFRMC's mission is to fund charitable, medical, technological, educational, and scientific purposes at Rabin Medical Center, located in Petach Tikvah, in Greater Tel Aviv, Israel. Named after former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the hospital is the pride of Israel, serving the needs of one million patients annually without regard to ethnicity, nationality, or religion. AFRMC: 636 Broadway Suite 618, New York, NY 10012 | afrmc@afrmc.org | 212.279.2522 | www.afrmc.org*
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